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## THE EAGAN CASE.

The case of Gen. Egan, under suspension for insubordination and disrespect to his superior officer, is again the subject of criticism. During the Spanish-American war Gen. Egan publicly condemned Gen. Miles, the commanding general of the army, for which he was court-martialed and sentenced to degradation and dismissal from the army. Gen. Egan's offense was a flagrant violation of military law and discipline. President McKinley, while approving the finding of the court, commuted the sentence to suspension from service because of Gen. Egan's long and faithful service in the army and his previous unblemished record. Gen. Egan is near the age for retirement, and is in Washington to ask it, but has not formally done so. Under the law he can not be placed on the retired list while under sentence except by special act and consent of Congress. To this the President and War Department seem favorable, and if allowed to take its course quietly, as it should, it would not even excite comment, for it is only a matter of military discipline which the War Department is able and willing to settle, and affects only Gen. Egan.

But the same elements which made it an issue in the Presidential campaign are again discussing it, and in the same spirit of misrepresentation and injustice to Egan and the President—partisanism and enmity to Egan because he is Irish. This last reason may grate on the ears of some of our Irish contemporaries whose partisanship has led them unconsciously to aid in the effort to injure Egan and further humiliate him by opposing the President, who has so far saved him from utter disgrace and is seeking to end the incident and allow Gen. Egan to retire with the usual annuity to provide for him in his closing years. In such a case politics should not enter, but unfortunately partisanship and bigotry are too often the motive rather than law and justice, which seem to have been the sole motive of the President and military authorities. They recognize the fact that Egan's offense was such as must be condemned and punished to maintain discipline in the army; but, that, as a matter of justice, Gen. Egan's faithful life service in the army entitled him to exemption from the disgrace of dishonorable dismissal and the humiliation of dependence in his old age. The fact that Gen. Egan is an Irishman and may disagree with them politically is ignored. They see him only a soldier who has served his country well, his record marred by but one offense, which bars him from that to which his services entitle him—honorable retirement and provision for his last years—and this they are seeking to obtain for him by special act and consent of Congress, the only power under our Government that can grant it. In this effort, though it is an admitted innovation, the friends of justice, and certainly the friends of Gen. Egan, should approve and support President McKinley and the War Department, even though they disagree politically. It is not political advantage, power or honor that is sought for Gen. Egan, but simply justice and recompense due an old soldier for a life work to the service of his country marred by but one bad mark.

Of course the bigots can not be expected to care anything about all that, for their opposition is based on Egan personally, who can not help, and would not if he could,

that he is Irish; but no one who favors justice, regardless of race and creed, and certainly no Irishman, should allow political preference or prejudice to mislead him in such a case.

As we go to press the dispatches state that Gen. Egan has been restored to his former standing in the army and retired by the President.

## FALLACIES EXPLODED.

Now that the political campaign is over, Congress in session and the Government policies are declared, many of the fallacies of politicians are exploded. One of the strong cards of the opposition to the administration was the alleged secret alliance with England and the favoritism toward England by the McKinley Cabinet. Notwithstanding the fact that under our system of government such an alliance could not be, it was, in the heat of the campaign, accepted. It has been proven false by the firm declaration of President McKinley in regard to the Nicaragua canal bill and the Hay-Pauncefote treaty pending in Congress. President McKinley recommends the canal bill in his message, but he has notified its advocates that the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, under which England claims the right of consent and joint control of the canal, must be abrogated—that the bill must provide and the treaty must be so changed as to allow the canal to be built, owned and controlled independently by the United States—or he will veto the bill. It goes without saying that Johnny Bull will not like that.

## MAY YET PROVE THE SPARK.

Kruger in Europe, though he acts and speaks with all due regard to the proprieties, is likely to prove a bull in a china shop. France and Holland have received him enthusiastically; Belgium courteously; in Germany the people greeted him with ovations, but the Government snubbed him; the others wonder if he will visit them, and all are anxious to know if he will go to Russia, and how he will be received there should he go. He asks that England be urged by the nations to stop the pillage and slaughter of his people. Already his request is being considered by the Parliaments of France and Holland; Italy has agreed to consider it, and it is not unlikely to be introduced in the German Parliament despite the Emperor; that Russia will approve it seems to be conceded; the United States Government long ago suggested it. But the situation is such—England claiming possession of the Boer territory by right of conquest and having declared it annexed provinces and the Boers her subjects and now in rebellion—it remains to be seen how far such action of other governments can go without being treated as unfriendly under international equity. It is not improbable that the Boer question may prove the spark to start the long impending conflagration—a general European war—which all desire to avert and England dreads.

The anti-English sentiment seems to be as strong in Germany as in France, as evidenced by the enthusiastic receptions of President Kruger as far as he went on his way to Berlin before he received word that the Emperor disapproved his presence and would not receive him. Kruger, though surprised and disappointed, immediately left Germany. The action of the German Emperor is in direct contrast to his cordial reception of Kruger on a previous visit and his congratulatory letter to Kruger, backed up by a German warship in Delagoa bay on the occasion of the Jamison raid. Now the Kaiser is being ridiculed and condemned by the opposition politicians and press of Germany, who refer to him as a hypocritical bluffer who is really afraid of his grandma, England; and this feeling is intensified by the English press applauding the Emperor's discourtesy.

Louisville has thrown open her doors to the American Federation of Labor. The convention now in session is composed of an unusually intelligent lot of men and there is no anxiety felt over what they will do. It is very gratifying to local trades unionists to hear the praises bestowed upon all sides upon the leaders in the great and growing movement.

## LADIES WILL ASSIST.

Working Hard For Robert Emmet Anniversary Celebration.

The Irish-American Society meeting Thursday night was enlivened by the announcement that a number of prominent ladies would assist the Executive Committee in arranging for the Robert Emmet anniversary celebration. Their names will appear next week.

The new constitution and by-laws were reported and discussed informally, but action can not be taken till the next meeting.

The celebration committee has secured several handsome gold watches for the ladies and gentlemen contesting in the sale of tickets. Those wishing to enter should make application to Secretary Joe Byrne. All members should attend the next meeting, when the annual election of officers takes place. Three applications were received and one new member initiated.

## CATHOLIC UNION

Will Meet Again at Hall of the Aquinas Union January 28.

The reception tendered the delegates to the Catholic Union last Tuesday night by the members of the Aquinas Union surpassed all that have preceded it and was thoroughly enjoyed. Vice President Fowler presided and Rev. Father Fowler delivered an encouraging and instructive address that elicited great applause, especially when he stated the Union would have his hearty co-operation.

Several musical trios were well rendered and the recitations of Messrs. Kelly and Webb were very pleasing. President Crotty acquitted himself handsomely and was assisted by the young ladies and gentlemen of Limerick, who dispensed light refreshments and cigars to all.

The next meeting will be held at the same place, and those delegates who have been absenting themselves are expected to be present.

## WITH MIDNIGHT MASS.

Impressive Services to Usher in the Coming New Century.

Washington press dispatches announce that Archbishop Martinelli, the apostolic delegate, will participate at services to be held at St. Patrick's church in that city at midnight on December 31, to consecrate the new century to God. A year ago the Pope gave a special permission with a view to wide exercise of the privilege to sing a solemn mass at midnight of December 31 of last year to consecrate the closing year of the century and to repeat it on December 31 next at the same hour for consecrating the entire new century. The ceremony, like that of a year ago, is expected to be an unusually brilliant one, and most of the Bishops throughout the country probably will cause to be held similar solemn services.

## LEAVES NEW ALBANY.

Henry Munchhof, who formerly conducted the Court Exchange in New Albany, has removed to this city, where he will hereafter conduct and make more popular the Dinky saloon at Fourteenth and Main streets. Besides being widely known and enjoying the friendship of a large circle of acquaintances on both sides of the river, he is a first-class caterer and should be successful in his new place, where his old and new friends will find him well supplied for their entertainment.

## OFFICER EDWARD DEELEY.

Among the recent appointments made by the Board of Safety none give more general satisfaction than that of Edward Deeley, for years with the Turner-Day-Woolworth Company. His fitness for the position and other qualifications are apparent to all who have seen him since donning his uniform, and his friends predict for him a record that will be a credit to the present excellent force, which today ranks as high as that of any in the United States.

## CEMETERY IMPROVEMENT.

George Holland, the popular superintendent of the St. Louis cemetery, was in Cincinnati this week inspecting the Catholic cemetery there, and the prospects are that the best of its features will be used in the cemetery under his charge, which possesses natural advantages that would enable it at small cost to be made one of the most beautiful cities of the dead in the country.

## SOCIETY.

The St. Cloud Hotel had as its guest this week Mr. C. V. Kelly, of Newcastle.

The Misses Terrell have returned to Richmond, Va., after spending a few days with friends in the city.

Miss Lucy Farrell, of Jeffersonville, is home from Nashville, where she enjoyed a delightful visit with friends.

Misses Marie and Lucille Smith, two charming girls from Bardstown, spent Monday in this city, the guests of Miss Nellie Sexton.

The friends in this city of Mrs. George Shrader will regret to learn of her serious illness of pneumonia at her home, 221 Park place, New Albany.

Mrs. Sam Stites, who has been seriously ill at her home on Eighteenth street, has greatly improved during the past week. Her friends now hope for her speedy recovery.

The Evening Euchre Club were the guests of Mrs. Frederick Sackett, Fourth avenue, last Tuesday evening, who furnished the members the most delightful entertainment of the season.

Miss McCann will be the hostess of the Cecilia Circle this afternoon at her home in Jeffersonville. These Saturday gatherings are among the most enjoyable of the season's social events across the river.

Frank Ackerman, the popular grocer at Hancock and Lampton streets, has become the proud father of another handsome little girl, in honor of whose arrival a grand reception is being arranged for.

Another young recruit for Col. Rick Quinn's Limerick Guards has arrived at the home of genial Paddy Fallon, who has been receiving the congratulations of his friends all the week. This new addition makes the fifth Fallon now enrolled.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Simon celebrated their tin wedding last Sunday with a reception and dinner to their friends, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the large party assembled. A social hour was devoted to euchre, the prizes being won by Mrs. H. Herbold and Misses F. Meder and P. Meder. Messrs. Ben Geher, E. Miller and H. Meyer. The hostilities were dispensed lavishly by the charming hostess. Mr. and Mrs. Simon were the recipients of many handsome presents and other mementoes of the happy occasion.

One of the pleasant events of this week was a euchre party given by Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hagan in honor of Miss Mary Williams. Prizes were won by Miss Kate Flahive and Miss Mayme Hartigan, William Barrier, William Hartigan and Dennis Dunn. Refreshments were served at a late hour. Among those who were present were Misses Kate Flahive, Martha Landgrebe, Nellie Kerr, Mary Williams, Kate, Mayme and Maggie Donahue, Mary Hagan, Kate, Mayme, Ella and Bessie Hartigan, Messrs. Jack and Dennis Hagan, Oliver Barnett, Harry Sales, William Barrier, Ernest Simpson, James Hartigan, Leonard Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hagan, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis O'Connor, Mrs. Lillie O'Brien, Masters John and Lee O'Brien.

Among the pleasant social events of last week was the reception and entertainment for the friends of Dennis Sullivan, the popular Illinois Central railroad switchman, at his residence, 1326 West Broadway. The evening was devoted to euchre and vocal music, Messrs. Mike Fitzgerald and Dennis Sullivan rendering several pleasing selections. Following the euchre and distribution of prizes, which were awarded Miss Lottie Queen and J. J. Warren, the guests were seated to an excellent luncheon. Among the guests present were Messrs. Fred Shannon, Misses Nellie and Mamie Sullivan, Blanche O'Connell, Mamie Coyne, Emma Lee, Mayme Shelley, Messrs. Mike Fitzgerald, Will Tierney, Lawrence Fell, Sam Bracker and Thomas Dolan.

## PRESIDENT McDERMOTT

Names the Executive Committee For the Catholic Union.

President Edward J. McDermott has announced the names of his appointees for the Executive Committee of the Catholic Union of Louisville, and now the active operations of that body will take formal shape. The Executive Committee has been granted almost unlimited power and will conduct the entire business of the organization in the interim between meetings.

The gentlemen appointed are all well known and have the confidence of the entire community. Their names and the organizations they represent are as follows:

William C. Smith, Catholic Knights; Joseph W. Jenkins, Catholic Club; Robert J. Watson, Knights of Columbus; John J. Crotty, Aquinas Union; James B. Kelly, Young Men's Institute; John J. Barrett, Ancient Order of Hibernians; Patrick Holley, Catholic Knights and Ladies of America.

President McDermott will be ex-officio Chairman and a member, and Eugene Cooney will fill the office of Secretary.

## OLD AGE.

Twenty-one persons died in Massachusetts last year aged one hundred years or more. Sixteen of the twenty-one were women, three of the sixteen never having been married. Eight of the twenty-one were born in Ireland, three in Canada, and three in other foreign countries, leaving seven native-born, six of whom were of Massachusetts nativity. The oldest was two months over 100 years.

## THEATRICALS.

In the production of "Forgiven," which will be the bill at the Temple Theater next week, the Louisville theater-going public will see a play that has proven very popular with the masses. It will be mounted in handsome and



MISS ESTHER LYON.

Whose souvenir photographs will be given the lady patrons of the Temple Theater Monday night.

elaborate style. "Forgiven" affords each member of the Meffert-Eagle stock company scope for good work. Never before has any theatrical management offered its patrons a better class of attractions than those secured thus far this season for the Temple. The work of the company has been of an exceptionally clean and high order, and deserves the support and encouragement of the best class of play-goers, who will not be disappointed next week.

Popular Sam Devere and his big company of European and American vaudeville stars will be the coming week's attraction at the Buckingham. Sam Devere, who is one of the great local vaudeville favorites, has never failed to bring an excellent and up-to-date attraction, and reports from cities where he has already appeared indicate that the present season will prove no exception. In fact, if names are taken as any consideration at all, the present Devere Company should take precedence over any combination that has appeared here in many weeks. Prominent members of the company, aside from Devere himself, are the Empire comedy four, a splendid singing quartet; Mitchell and Cain, character comedians; the four Weston sisters in a diverting sketch; Parker's wonderful canine circus; the marvelous Rozinos, European acrobats; the Engstrom sisters, refined vocalists; Joy and Clayton, sketch artists; Mamie Remington, the dainty soubrette and her troupe of genuine pickaninies and the American cinegraph. An elaborate burlesque, "The Girl in Black," will be presented, with a cast of over thirty people, including a chorus of pretty girls.

Manager Shaw will next week present the patrons of the Avenue David Belasco's masterpiece and great international success, "The Heart of Maryland," with all its splendor of scenic revelation. The play is one that appeals to the better feelings of the audience, and when presented by this excellent company the theater-going public will see a really artistic and pleasing production.

## EXTRAORDINARY

Story Concerning the Great Irish Leader and Gen. De Wet.

Much space is now being given an extraordinary story coming simultaneously from Ireland and from the continent. It seems that a widespread conviction prevails among the peasantry of the Emerald Isle and likewise in many foreign capitals that the Boer General, De Wet, who is giving so much trouble to the English troops in South Africa, is no other than Charles Stewart Parnell. According to this story, which is improbable if not impossible, Parnell realizing that his existence after the scandal in connection with the O'Shea divorce case would constitute a source of weakness to the cause of his beloved country, resolved to disappear either forever or until such a time as the fact that he was still alive could no longer injuriously affect the destinies of Erin. It is asserted that the coffin purporting to contain his body contains nothing but a mere lay figure or sand, and that after shaving off his beard he made his escape in the disguise of a priest.

By those who have seen both Parnell and De Wet it is asserted that there is a great physical resemblance and likewise similarity of manner between the two men, while it can not be denied that they have in common a peculiar fondness for investing their movements with the most profound and impenetrable mystery.

However this may be, the fact remains that the phenomenal successes of De Wet are looked upon in Ireland as so many victories for one whose memory is still green in the hearts of his countrymen, and who is still regarded in the light of a national hero. Indeed nothing has contributed so much to popularize the Boer cause in Ireland as this strange belief that the mysterious and elusive De Wet is identical with Charles Stewart Parnell.

## REMARKABLE INNOVATION.

Probably for the first time in the history of the church in New Jersey a secular occupation will be taught in St. Michael's Roman Catholic church at Jersey City. The young women members will be taught a lesson Wednesday night in the art of kneading dough and baking bread. Their instructor will be Miss Engel Pope, a prominent school teacher, who lives with her parents in Hoboken.

Many of the women associate members of the church will be on hand to listen to Miss Pope's lecture and demonstration. Rev. Father McDermott will present a \$5 gold piece to the woman who will bring to the church the best baked loaf of bread when the bread baking contest opens. Father McDermott believes that the girls can not learn too much about bread baking. The judges will be married women of the parish.

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